

# **News & Notes**

# Thank you for your generous donations!



Burien area attorney Tracey Codd climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in January 2013, in an effort to raise \$25,000 for the UW Autism Center. Tracey reached both of his goals and was recently honored at the UW Autism Center for his awesome

achievement. An anonymous donor matched every dollar Tracey raised, bringing the total donation to \$50,000! Thank you again for of all your dedication and hard work, Tracey!

McNall Mason and her son, Max Suarez, have recently released three books in their "Magic Friendship Series." These children's books use whimsical text and illustrations to promote understanding and acceptance of diversity. McNall and Max donated copies of their first book, *Max from the Planet of* 

Cool, to the UW Autism Center. We have been sharing the books with families, and have received wonderful feedback and compliments about them. Thank you, McNall and Max!



### **Clinical News**

#### **Apex Summer Camp**

Don't forget to sign up for the UW Autism Center's Apex Summer Camp in July! We were recently awarded an Autism Speaks Baker Summer Camp scholarship, that will enable us to provide additional financial assistance to families of children with ASD. Please see our website for details and application information.

#### **Summer Social Skills Group**

The UW Autism Center is currently enrolling preschoolers (ages 3-5) in a summer social skills group based on the Stop and Think Social Skills Program. Groups will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 3:30pm – 4:30pm for 10 sessions beginning on June 19, 2013. A parallel parent/caregiver group will run at the same time to educate parents on skills taught in the child group. Please contact Julia Wenegrat at 206-616-4265 to find out more!

#### **Research News**

#### **BASIC Study**

The University of Washington is seeking 7-11 year-olds with high functioning autism spectrum disorders to participate in a research study examining the brain function of children with autism and typical development as they use conflicting information to solve problems. All participants will be compensated for their time. To find out more, please call 206-685-0217 or 1-800-994-9701 or email <a href="mailto:susfaja@uw.edu">susfaja@uw.edu</a>.

## **Training & Outreach News**

#### **Summer Workshop Series**

The UW Autism Center Training and Outreach program is very pleased to announce a Summer Workshop series offered in collaboration with community partners across the state. Workshop topics will focus on behavioral strategies for 3-8 year-olds with ASD and emotional regulation support for 9-18 year-olds with Asperger's and related disorders. Registration is now available on our website.

#### **Program in Autism Theory and Practice**

Beginning in the autumn quarter of 2013 (September), UW Autism Center Director of Clinical Services and researcher Dr. Raphael Bernier will be teaching a UW Professional and Continuing Education course called Autism Theory and Practice. This certificate program, approved by the UW Department of Psychology, provides professionals and paraprofessionals with an understanding of autism spectrum disorders at both the scientific and practical levels. This course is designed for individuals with an undergraduate degree and experience working with people impacted by autism. To find out more about the program, visit <a href="http://www.pce.uw.edu/certificates/autism-theory-practice.html">http://www.pce.uw.edu/certificates/autism-theory-practice.html</a>.

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